

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-12 are pending in the application. Claims 11 and 12 have been amended. Reconsideration of this application and entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 11 and 12 have been amended to correct the Examiner's Amendment.

The Examiner's Amendment incorporated the wherein clause of claim 2 into claim 11 without change. However, during the telephone interview on March 23, 2004, it was agreed that in claim 11 "having means for attachment" would be changed to ---attachable---. This Amendment makes this change.

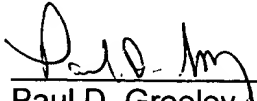
In claim 12, the first component of claim 1 corresponds to the vacuum guides and the second component of claim 1 corresponds to the printer chassis. Thus, there was no need for the phrase, "a first and second components", inserted at line 1 by the Examiner's Amendment. Therefore, this phrase is deleted by this Amendment. In addition, this Amendment changes the first and second components to vacuum guides and printer chassis, respectively at lines 7-8 and 13-15.

It is submitted that this Amendment is necessary to correct an inadvertent error in the Examiner's Amendment to claims 11 and 12 and to clarify claim 12 by eliminating the first and second component language and making the vacuum guides and printer chassis language compatible with flexible limb language of the wherein clause that was incorporated therein by the Examiner's Amendment. It is further submitted that this Amendment is needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention and requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office.

It is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth above that this Amendment is necessary and should be entered.

Respectfully Submitted,

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